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Professor Richard A. Bartlett
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Dear Professor Bartlett:

In further response to your letter of September 17, 1965, we are pleased to inform you that at its recent meeting the Board on Geographic Names approved for Federal use the names Beartooth Mountains and Absaroka Range. These decisions will be published in Decision List 6602 with the following descriptions:

Beartooth Mountains: mountains, trend 65 mi. NW-SE with a high elevation of 12,799 ft., N and E of the Absaroka Range and W of the city of Red Lodge, Montana; they are bounded on the W by the Boulder River, East Fork Boulder River, Slough Creek, Lake Abundance Creek, and Fisher Creek, and on the S by Clarks Fork Yellowstone River; the name comes from Beartooth Mountain, so named because its white limestone cliffs resemble the tooth of a bear; Montana and Wyoming; $45^{\circ}34' N$, $110^{\circ}11' W$ [NW end], $44^{\circ}48' N$, $109^{\circ}23' W$ [SE end]. Not: Beartooth Plateau, Beartooth Range, Snow Mountains, Snowy Mountains.

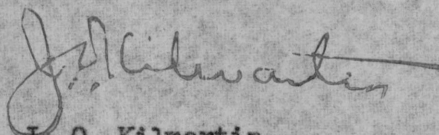
Absaroka Range: mountain range, trends 160 mi. NNW-SSE with a highest elevation over 13,000 ft., bounded on the NE by the Beartooth Mountains, on the N and W by the Yellowstone River, on the S by the Wind River, on the SE by the Owl Creek Mountains, and on the E by the Bighorn Basin; Montana and Wyoming; $45^{\circ}37' N$, $110^{\circ}30' W$ [NW end], $43^{\circ}33' N$, $109^{\circ}00' W$ [SE end]. Not: Sierra Shoshone, Snow Mountains, Snowy Mountains, Snowy Range, Yellowstone Mountains.

As you can see from the above descriptions, the name Snowy Mountains

is not approved for either of these groups of mountains.

We appreciate your interest and thank you for bringing these conflicts to our attention.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. O. Kilmartin", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

J. O. Kilmartin
Executive Secretary
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